

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend/replace claim 1 and cancel claims 2-16.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tool for removal of removing a damaged spark/glow plug, the damaged spark plug having an electrode end, an electrical connector end, and an insulator therebetween, the plug further having a damaged or missing wrench-engaging member having a pre-damaged width across corners-diameter and disposed between about the insulator and the electrode end, the plug further having and a body adjacent the depending away from the damaged wrench-engaging member or a position previously occupied by the wrench-engaging member, the body having a reduced diameter from a periphery smaller than a periphery of an undamaged the wrench-engaging member width-across-corners-diameter, the tool comprising:

a body portion extending along a first direction, the body portion having a first end, a second end, and an aperture extending from the first end into the body portion toward the second end, the aperture defining an interior surface configured to engage a portion of the body of the damaged spark plug adjacent the damaged wrench-engaging member for rotating and removing the damaged spark plug, wherein a length of the aperture in the first direction is greater than or equal to a distance from the electrical connector end to the damaged wrench-engaging member

a plug-engaging and having an interior surface having a geometry adapted to cut into the body of the spark/glow plug; and

an end opposed to the plug-engaging and in adapted to be matingly engageable with a wrench.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (cancelled).

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Please add new claims 17-23.

Claim 17 (new): The tool of claim 1, wherein the interior surface has a threaded portion.

Claim 18 (new): The tool of claim 17, wherein a first thread direction of the threaded portion is opposite a second thread direction of a threaded portion of the spark plug proximate the electrode end.

Claim 19 (new): The tool of claim 18, wherein the threaded portion further has at least one groove.

Claim 20 (new): The tool of claim 1, wherein the interior surface further has at least one spline portion.

Claim 21 (new): The tool of claim 1, wherein the second end is configured to receive a torque application device.

Claim 22 (new): A method of removing a damaged spark plug from an engine utilizing a tool, the damaged spark plug having a damaged wrench-engaging member and a body disposed adjacent the wrench-engaging member, the tool having a body portion extending along a first direction, the body portion having a first end, a second end, and an aperture extending from the first end into the body portion toward the second end, the aperture defining an interior surface configured to engage a portion of the body of the damaged spark plug adjacent the damaged wrench-engaging member, the method comprising:

disposing the tool proximate the spark plug such that the interior surface of the tool contacts the body of the damaged spark plug adjacent the damaged wrench-engaging member;

connecting a torque application device to the second end of the tool; and

rotating the torque application device in a first direction to rotate the tool and the damaged spark plug to remove the damaged spark plug from the engine.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22, further comprising:

rotating the torque application device in a second direction opposite the first direction to further engage the interior surface of the tool into an exterior surface of the body of the damaged spark plug.